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Customer No. 01333

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Inventor(s):

Gerard W. Ernst, et al.

TITLE

APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR CLEANING OBJECTS
HAVING GENERALLY
IRREGULAR SURFACE
FEATURES

Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to examination,
without prejudice, as set forth below:

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 with
the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This is a divisional of Application Serial Number 09/624,627
filed July 24, 2000. The present application is related to U.S. Application
Serial Number 09/624,628, filed July 24, 2000 (now abandoned), by Thomas
Albano, et al, and entitled, "Apparatus For Neutralizing Electrostatic Charges
On Generally Irregular, Undulating Surfaces;" and U.S. Application Serial
Number 09/624,878, filed July 24, 2000, by Gerard W. Ernst, et al., and
entitled, "Apparatus And Method For Cleaning Objects Having Generally
Irregular, Undulating Surface Features." --

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8.

REMARKS

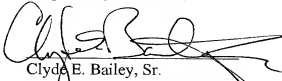
Applicants herewith file a Divisional Application. Claims 1-11 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-8 have been canceled. Claims presently active are claims 9-11.

An action on the merits of the claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made**".

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clyde E. Bailey, Sr.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 has been amended as set forth below:

This is a divisional of Application Serial Number 09/624,627 filed July 24, 2000. The present application is related to U.S. Application Serial Number [(Docket 81261), filed _____,] 09/624,628, filed July 24, 2000 (now abandoned), by Thomas Albano, et al., and entitled, "Apparatus For Neutralizing Electrostatic Charges On Generally Irregular, Undulating Surfaces;" and U.S. Application Serial Number [(Docket 80986), filed _____,] 09/624,878, filed July 24, 2000, by Gerard W. Ernst, et al., and entitled, "Apparatus And Method For Cleaning Objects Having Generally Irregular, Undulating Surface Features."

In the Claims:

Claims 1-8 have been canceled.